

PRESIDENT APPROVES PAN-AMERICAN PLANS

Secretary Lansing Outlines to Ambassadors and Ministers Form of "One For All; All for One"—Latin-Americans Said to Like It.

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Dec. 30.—Secretary Lansing has suggested to all the nations which have representatives at the Pan-American Scientific Conference here that they join in arbitration of all boundary disputes and for the prohibition of shipment of arms and ammunition to revolutionists.
Secretary Lansing's proposal, which has the full support of President Wilson, is being forwarded by Latin American ambassadors and ministers here to their home foreign offices. It is regarded as one of the wide plans of which the Pan-American Congress here is a part for the closer union of countries of this hemisphere.
The status of the negotiations and the details of Secretary Lansing's proposal are being held as confidential between the state department and the Latin-American representatives here. The delegates and Mr. Lansing declared they could not discuss a mat-

DISSEISIONS IN AUSTRIAN SHIPS CASTELORIZO IS OCCUPIED BY FRENCH

(By Associated Press.)
Paris, Dec. 30.—Two Austrian torpedo boat destroyers have been sunk as a result of an encounter with allied ships at a point outside of Cattaro in the Adriatic.
The purpose of the Austrian ships was to bombard Durazzo. An allied squadron went to meet them with the result above set forth. In addition the remainder of the Austrian squadron was pursued by the allied ships and compelled to flee towards the Austrian base.
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RUSSIANS ARE FIGHTING AUSTRIANS IN BUKOWINA

Great Offensive Believed Under Way—Austrian Reports Tell of Engagement—Germans Make Futile Attack in Russia—Fear No Trouble in Saloniki

(By Associated Press.)
London, Dec. 30.—Although Petrograd remains silent on the subject, the public believes the Russians are undertaking a great offensive in Bukovina, near the Bessarabian border. Official Austrian reports telling of a battle in the region of Hartmanns-Weerkopf the French claim to have made a successful advance. Berlin officially minimizes this success, but does not deny it wholly.
Nothing has happened to change the Macedonian position, but it is generally admitted that any advance into Greek territory must be made by the Bulgarians. The Germans cannot spare enough troops to attack Saloniki.
Feeling in England over conscription has been greatly relieved. Interest continues concerning the method which is to be adopted to reach unarmied men, the majority agreeing that the Derby plan of attestation will be extended for this purpose.
Unofficial reports say the Germans have made a serious but futile assault at Lake Bavit, while the Russian west of Lake Cangar are threatening Mitau.
These opposing attacks create a delicate situation as a successful ad-

CABINET OVER CONSCRIPTS

(By Associated Press.)
London, Dec. 30.—The Daily Express today asserts that there is a group of at least three Unionists in the cabinet led by the Earl of Selborne, president of the board of agriculture, who are likely to resign because Premier Asquith's plan for a modified form of conscription does not go far enough. These men do not believe it is right to force all single men to serve in the army when there is a large proportion of married men available for service, the paper says.
The Express therefore anticipated a fair crop of resignations among the supporters of voluntary enlistment and determined conscriptionists, but says the resignations will not be serious enough to imperil the existence of the government. The paper also says that the Earl of Derby, director of recruiting, will find a place in the cabinet.

DESTROYED IN ASIATIC SHIRINERS TO BANQUET

(By Associated Press.)
Paris, Dec. 30.—Three judges of the divisional court have decided that William Huxley, the well-known English jockey, is not liable for income tax.
He had been assessed on ten thousand dollars, but on his behalf the question was raised whether a youth under twenty-one years, who has no guardian or trustee, is liable for income tax. The court accepted the negative view. One of the justices said it seemed to him impossible to hold that an "infant" who could not ordinarily be served with legal process or exercise the right of appeal should be assessable to income tax unless the legislature so provided.
The effect of this decision, says the Mail, will be wider now than in past times. Ordinarily minors are caught in the income tax owing to the simple fact that their incomes are usually unearned increment administered for them by guardians and trustees. A few jockeys and infant prodigies have escaped, but now there must be thousands of minors who are earning up to thirty dollars a week in munition factories.

SHIRINERS TO BANQUET

(By Associated Press.)
Paris, Dec. 30.—French troops have occupied the Turkish island of Castelozizo in the Aegean sea, between the island of Rhodes and the gulf of Adalia, according to Paris morning papers. The possession of Castelozizo as a naval base is characterized as indispensable.
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BETTER PROVISION FOR WAR PRISONERS

(By Associated Press.)
Geneva, Switzerland, Dec. 30.—A movement has been started in Geneva to make more adequate provision for the welfare of prisoners in detention camps of the various belligerent countries. The present winter is bringing with it increased suffering and hardship to countless thousands of men, and these it is proposed to endeavor to alleviate. It is a well-known fact that there are insufficient preparations in the belligerent countries for dealing with such large numbers of interned men, both soldiers and civilians, as rapidly became necessary to care for, and as a result living conditions in many detention camps today entail suffering and sickness to a degree realized only by actual observers.
The International Red Cross Committee of Geneva is behind this movement, and headquarters for the conduct of the work have been established at La Petite Prairie, Chambes, near Geneva. The main object is to secure for prisoners of war. It is believed that the admission into each civil and military camp of special delegates belonging to neutral countries would be of great assistance in bringing about an improvement of existing conditions. The main object is to secure for prisoners of war. It is believed that the admission into each civil and military camp of special delegates belonging to neutral countries would be of great assistance in bringing about an improvement of existing conditions. The main object is to secure for prisoners of war. It is believed that the admission into each civil and military camp of special delegates belonging to neutral countries would be of great assistance in bringing about an improvement of existing conditions.

CAMBRIDGE ALMOST AN ALIEN COLLEGE

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Cambridge, Eng., Dec. 30.—Cambridge has practically ceased to be a domestic institution, and its academic life is sustained almost entirely by alien and colonial students. This resemblance to a foreign university, in residence and since most of its sons are either with the military forces or doing government work of some sort, the great hall is closed and the students and their instructors dine in their own quarters.
Each college has a great hall of baronial appearance and capacity where its members dine in state, the master with his sons at tables on a lais while below on the main floor the undergraduates gather about long tables. Most of these halls, formerly centers of traditional English food here, are now places of gloom where by dim candle light, enforced on account of the Zeppelin peril, a few of the elderly faculty members gather with their alien and expatriated body in a pathetic effort to keep alive a glorious tradition.
Trinity with its normal enrollment of six hundred students does not show the ravages of war as much as the other colleges, but this does not mean that it has not been as patriotic as its rivals, but on account of its enrollment far in the lead of any of its rivals and the further fact that it numbers many aliens among its undergraduates, the colleges can still muster a hundred men. Headed by Dr. Butler, a venerable and venerated master of the college, who is assisted by Vice-Master Henry Jackson, O. M., one of the greatest of Cambridge teachers, the faculty and men of Trinity gather in the great hall in a brave effort to uphold the continuity of Cambridge's royal college. But a few of the boys in the continuity necessary to carry on the precious traditions of the college.

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SERBS' KING HAS HAD TRAGIC CAREER

(By Associated Press.)
Vienna, Dec. 30.—There is a second king in Europe without a kingdom, as a result of the war. Peter of Serbia is today no better off than the king of the Belgians. Karageorgevitch is a fugitive before the advance of the Central Powers and Bulgarian troops. His two capitals, Belgrade and Nish are in the hands of the invaders. For a time King Peter traveled in a special train. At Krusevatch he had to abandon his movable court. As he stood in the station building, a bomb exploded and he was hurled to the ground. He was taken to other parts, tears streamed down his cheeks. One of his dwindling entourage murmured a few comforting words, but to these King Peter merely nodded. Today he is said to be on his way to Scutari, Albania.
Peter's career is the most dramatic figure of the European war. Two regicides are intimately connected with his territory, the murderer of his predecessor, Alexander Obrenovitch, and his Queen, Draga, and the assassination of the Archduke of Austria, the Dual Monarchy's heir presumptive. There are those who claim that King Peter knew of the two plots, that indeed, he was the instigator of the former. How true this is would be hard to say in the absence of more evidence than has so far been produced. Certain it is only that King Peter showed no inclination to serve with the regicides in either case. He even managed to be on good terms with Mr. Mitchell, arch villain of the crime in the old Kingdom of Belgrade thirteen years ago.
Peter Karageorgevitch never forgot, and never permitted to forget, that he had taken the place of a man who had been foully murdered. Only a few sovereigns consented to meet him, and he was always so ill at ease in the presence of strangers that he usually shunned them.
King Peter's family, it is said, is of Saxon origin. The original Karageorgevitch, or "son of Black George," however, was a shepherd. King Peter himself spent much of his life in Switzerland where the summons to Serbia's ill-fated throne reached him.
Shortly after his election to the kingship, Peter entered into close relations with the Russian crown. A large annual revenue was settled upon him with the understanding that in all matters affecting Russia's foreign policy he was to keep Russia's interests on the Balkan peninsula in mind. The attack of the Russian Liberal party made such a course by Russia inadvisable. This party had favored the establishment of a republic in Serbia after Alexander and Draga had been murdered. This, and the fact that the Liberals in those days were not the ardent pan-Slavists which they became later, recommended the reinforcement of the Serbian crown financially. In Petrograd it was felt that Russia needed a reliable agent in the Balkans, nor could it be overlooked there that experiments in republican government by a Slav people were not calculated to make life for the Romanoff dynasty easier. For twelve years, Peter drew his Russian revenues, and it is asserted here, never lost an opportunity to serve in return. The arrangement made Serbia a veritable appendix to Russia, and, so far as the European situation was concerned, proved Serbia's undoing. Whether or not King Philip will ever rule in Serbia is hard to say at this moment; in the central powers the belief, of course, is that Serbia and its king are no more.

RECORD PRICE FOR ANTIMONY REACHED

(By Associated Press.)
Hankow, China, Dec. 30.—Antimony has reached a record price because of the great need for metal in making munitions of war, and Chinese, where far-sighted enough to corner the antimony output, have reaped a fortune.
The refined metal has been sold in London for over \$600 gold per ton at previous since the opening of the war. Previous to hostilities the London price was about \$125.
Human province, which lies south of Hankow, is the chief antimony producing section of the world. The ore from which the metal is obtained is rich in antimony. The chief producer of the refined ore is the Hua Chang Company of Changsha. Changsha is an important commercial center on the Siang river, south of Hankow. Before the war the output of the Huang Chang Company's refinery averaged a little more than two hundred tons a month, but the plant has now been extended and the company has opened offices in New York.
Several plants have now been established at Hankow for refining the ore, and this city is probably supplying ninety per cent of the antimony used in many respects King Peter is the most dramatic figure of the European war. Two regicides are intimately connected with his territory, the murderer of his predecessor, Alexander Obrenovitch, and his Queen, Draga, and the assassination of the Archduke of Austria, the Dual Monarchy's heir presumptive. There are those who claim that King Peter knew of the two plots, that indeed, he was the instigator of the former. How true this is would be hard to say in the absence of more evidence than has so far been produced. Certain it is only that King Peter showed no inclination to serve with the regicides in either case. He even managed to be on good terms with Mr. Mitchell, arch villain of the crime in the old Kingdom of Belgrade thirteen years ago.
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GOVERNOR HAMMOND DIES IN LOUISIANA

(By Associated Press.)
Clinton, La., Dec. 30.—Governor William S. Hammond of Minnesota died suddenly in a hotel here early today from a stroke of apoplexy which physicians stated had been produced by a recent attack of pneumonia. W. Shuford, who had served in Governor Hammond's cabinet, was in the room at the time of his death and died before physicians reached him.

PRESIDENT HANDED SOME MORE LETTERS

(By Associated Press.)
Hot Springs, Va., Dec. 30.—Correspondence sent here by messenger from the white house engaged President Wilson today. Another long letter from Secretary Lansing was delivered to the president.
The President and Mrs. Wilson expected to play golf this afternoon. They were invited to a New Year's reception and may attend.

REMEDIATE HOUSE

Former Sheriff D. M. Boyd will remodel and enlarge his residence on Tenth street.

TWO NEW BUILDINGS ON NINTH AVENUE

Two new store buildings for Hickory, both of brick and containing two stories and a basement, shortly will be started on Ninth avenue by Mr. C. H. Geitner. The buildings will be between the law office of Self & Bagby and L. Flagler's market, or on the place where the old Hickory tavern formerly stood. Mr. Q. E. Herman is drawing up the plans for Mr. Geitner, and it is proposed to push the work of construction as rapidly as possible.

DEATH OF A GIRL

Miss Sadie May Simon, the 14-year-old daughter of Mr. W. P. Simon, died at her home just southeast of the city last night of typhoid fever. The funeral will be held from St. Paul's church, beyond Conover, tomorrow.

MARKETS

NEW YORK COTTON

(By Associated Press.)
New York, Dec. 30.—The cotton market opened steady at a decline of two points in January, but generally at an advance of two to five points.

CHICAGO WHEAT

(By Associated Press.)
Chicago, Dec. 30.—Trebbling of insurance on cargoes routed through the Suez canal had a bullish effect on the wheat market here. Opening prices ranged from 3 1/2 to 4 1/2 higher, but July and 12 1/2, were followed by a sharp reaction and then by a long return.

NEW YORK STOCKS

(By Associated Press.)
New York, Dec. 30.—All round improvement was shown by the market in today's early dealing, overnight conducting to that condition. United States Steel and oil shares were in special demand, while various war shares were materially higher. Steel opened with 1,000 shares at 87 1/2, a gain of 1/2 of a point, while Mexican Petroleum, Texas Company and California Petroleum preferred showed gains. Erie and coppers reflected gains.

COTTON FUTURES

New York, Dec. 30.—Cotton futures opened steady, with a decline of one point in January, but generally at an advance of two to five points.

HICKORY MARKETS

Cotton ----- 12c
Wheat ----- \$1.35

THE WEATHER

Forecast for North Carolina: Generally fair tonight and Friday. Light, variable winds.

COMPARATIVE WEATHER

December 29.....	1915	1914
Maximum.....	62	39
Minimum.....	40	32
Mean.....	51	35 1/2
Rainfall.....	2.07	.82

IT WAS SOME DINNER

Mrs. J. L. Lyerly today entertained members of her family and the editor of the Record at an old-fashioned dinner. A large turkey, with link sausage surrounding it, was at the head of the table, and other wholesome edibles, cooked exactly right, occupied the remainder of the table. Following the first course came Mrs. Lyerly's pies and fruit cakes. It was a dinner made to see that it was enjoyed to the limit. Mrs. Lyerly's guests included Mr. Eubert Lyerly, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. L. Lyerly, Mr. and Mrs. Walker Lyerly, Miss Janie Lyerly and ye proud scribe.

OFF WITH THE HOUNDS

Mr. J. F. Abernethy, accompanied by a pack of 15 hounds, went out to Mr. Lawrence Bollinger's today for an old-fashioned rabbit hunt. It was a fine day for hunting.

CORRECTING AN ERROR

In the Record's account of the T. P. A. banquet it was stated that Mr. W. J. Shuford represented Mayor J. W. Harcourt, but this was a mistake. Mr. Watt having been selected to speak on "Hickory as a Trade Center."

FOR VICE-ROY OF INDIA

(By Associated Press.)
Winnipeg, Canada, Dec. 30.—A special cable from London received here today says: "Right Honorable Lewis Harcourt has resigned from the cabinet to become vice-roy of India."

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CARRANZA TROOPS ON AMERICAN SOIL

(By Associated Press.)
El Paso, Texas, Dec. 30.—Several troop trains bearing Carranza soldiers from Naco to Juarez were due to arrive at Pelia, N. M., six miles west of El Paso today. There the troops will detain and later march into Juarez from here, where 1,500 Carranza troops from Chihuahua City are expected today.
General John J. Pershing, commanding the eighth United States infantry battalion, has asked the war department to permit the cars to be transported in unbroken bond to Juarez. It is expected that General Obregon, commander of the Nogales forces, will arrive at Juarez today.

NEW HAVEN CASE DRAWS TO CLOSE

(By Associated Press.)
New York, Dec. 30.—The defense rested its case today at the trial of William Rockefeller and the other directors of the New York, New Haven and Hartford on charges of conspiracy to monopolize transportation in New England.
The trial has been in progress since October 13.

MERCHANTS POSTPONE THE MEETING TONIGHT

The quarterly meeting of the Hickory Merchants' Association, set for tonight, has been postponed until next week. The date will be announced later.

ENLARGE METHODIST CHURCH AT RHODISS

Plans for rebuilding the seating capacity of the Methodist church at Rhodiss are being drawn by Mr. Q. E. Herman, architect of the city. Rev. G. W. Fink is pastor.

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